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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CONFIRMED HE WILL NAME SOARES

REF: LISBON 9764

1. PRESIDENT EANES CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE WILL NAME MARIO SOARES TO TRY TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. DESIGNATION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE TODAY.

2. SOARES WILL BE "DESIGNATED" RATHER THAN "NOMINATED" PRIME MINISTER. THIS WILL GIVE HIM LONGER THAN THE 10-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.
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3. EANES SAID HE HAD IMPOSED ONLY TWO CONDITIONS. ONE, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE A STABLE MAJORITY, I.E., IT CANNOT BARGAIN TO ITS LEFT AND RIGHT ON INDIVIDUAL LLEGISLATION. TWO, THAT THE AGREEMENT ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS BASED NOT INCLUDE THE PCP. EANES AMPLIFIED THAT HE DIDN'T EXPECT SOARES TO DO THIS IN ANY EVENT, BUT HE

FELT HE HAD TO MAKE THE POINT EXPLICIT IN LIGHT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S OWN ELECTORAL BASE. THE WAY EANES PHRASED THE
LATTER REQUIREMENT DID NOT SEEM TO PRECLUDE THE KIND OF
SEPARATE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO BY BASILIO HORTA IN REFTTEL.

4. EANES EXPECTS THE GOVERNMENT TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN
THE PS AND THE CDS. MUCH AS HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PSD
IN IT, HE SEES NO POSSIBILITY THAT SA CARNEIRO WILL ALLOW
THIS TO HAPPEN. HE SAID HE WOULD MAINTAIN HIS OPTION TO ACCEPT
OR REJECT THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT ONCE SOARES PRESENTED IT
TO HIM.
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